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Professor Joshua Lederberg,
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Dear Professor Lederberg,

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Gordon Ada passed your memorandum on viruses in Drosophila on to me.

I know of no work showing that a virus of Drosophila can grow in mammalian cells, and I'm pretty sure this has not been done in Canberra.

Paul Scotti, who was here but is now at D.S.I.R., Auckland, N.Z., has been growing cricket paralysis virus (Drosophila virus C) in cultured Drosophila cells (J. gen. Virol. 35, 393). Jousset and colleagues in France have been studying various Drosophila viruses (e.g. J. gen. Virol 269). Also I believe that Kurstak at Montreal once claimed to have got mammalian cell transformation using denonucleosis virus, but that virus comes from Galleria and not I think yet from Drosophila.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Gibbs

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